

## **The Bulldog Barks** **March 16, 2018**

### **ISTEP**

April 16th - May 4th are the ISTEP windows for this school year. Please do not schedule any appointments or vacations on these dates. I apologize for any inconvenience. All of this testing is state mandated and does impact our schools rating.

**Update: We will receive a waiver for one of the days we missed because of the flood. The state allows 1 day for every 2 days that are missed, over 5 days. Therefore, we will be in school the following days:**

- Monday, March 19th (January 12th)
- Tuesday, March 20th (January 16th)
- Wednesday, March 21st (January 24th)
- Thursday, March 22nd (February 7th)
- Friday, March 23rd (February 26/27th)
- Friday, May 25th (February 28th)

### **Rice Bowl Program:**

Please remember to continue to pray and give to those in need by continuing to give to the Rice Bowl Program.

### **Voucher Program**

Just a reminder, that we need a copy of your most recent tax returns to submit your financial information for the voucher program. If you are not sure if you qualify, please contact Mr. Tush at 812-926-1558.

Also, any previous voucher recipients should not pay any registration, book or tuition fees until we determine your final award amount. This saves time and work in the office, by avoiding the extra work to reissue checks for overpayment of fees.

### **PTO – Lenten Fish Fry**

We had another great week last week. We sold over 900 dinners, which was only slightly less than the week before on March 2nd. We are breaking records and selling more dinners than ever before!!! Thank you to everyone who has worked this year. We still have 2 more Fish Frys, one on this Friday 3/16, and then the last one is on Good Friday 3/30. The week in between we take off and the Aurora Fire Dept. will hold their event that week on the 23rd.

We still have MANY open positions for both 3/16 and 3/30. Please go to the online sign up and find a spot that works for you.

#### **This week 3/16 we need:**

- \*Cashier
- \*Serving Line (2 still needed)
- \*Dining Room (4 still needed)
- \*Carry Out (2 still needed)
- \*Drive Thru (1 person needed inside to help bag up orders going outside)
- \*Fryers (4 Still needed)
- \*Early fryer (1 still needed)

Online link: <http://signup.com/go/sLBJeTE>

We are doing this for our school and our kids. ALL the profits go directly to our school and supplement the school budget. I know many families have already worked a shift, if you can work a second or third shift please

sign up. If you have not had a chance to volunteer, please look at the schedule and find time to volunteer for our school.

Desserts have been great! Please continue to send the pies and specialty desserts. This week desserts need to be sent in from: Kindergarten, 4th, 5th and 7th Grades.

**Reservations:** We have room for a few more groups to make reservations for the school cafeteria this week 3/16. If you are thinking about making reservations for 3/30, Good Friday please call and get those reservations made, the sooner the better. We will cap the reservations at 50 people, which we met this past week. We have heard many people mention bringing a group on 3/30, so don't miss out by calling too late for your reservation. Call Ann in the office at 812-926-1558 or email me or Ann. As always call, email or text with any questions or concerns.

Thanks for volunteering,  
Michelle Ryan, PTO President  
859-240-9390

### **Cod With God shirts**

We will have Cod With God t-shirts for sale at each fish fry. Shirts are \$10.00 each.

### **Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning**

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In phonics we'll be learning two new digraphs this week, ~~th~~(voiced ~~th~~-the letter sound makes your vocal chords vibrate or move. We will code the voiced th with a line through the th)-keyword-feather; and unvoiced th- keyword-thimble. We will also be working with accented syllables.

In math we will be learning number words, one- ten. The children will be bringing home self-checking flashcards. Help at home, as always, is appreciated. We will also work on dividing by sharing and play a card game to compare numbers through 10.

In religion we will talk about Holy Week and Easter.

### **Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson**

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In Phonics the 1<sup>st</sup> graders will be learning the name, sound, meaning, and written form of **suffix –es**. They also learned that suffix –es is added to root words that end with **sibilant sounds**, which are hissing sounds (such as /sh/, /ks/, /s/, and /ch/). We also will be learning diphthongs ou (as in mouse) and ow (as in cow).

In spelling the 1<sup>st</sup> graders will need to know how to spell their first, middle, and last names (as it appears on their birth certificates).

### **Grade 2 – Mrs. Grove**

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We are creating a bulletin board for our new reading unit called Family Photos. The students may bring a baby photo, a photo of a special family member, and a photo showing a favorite family scene. We will keep the baby photos hidden until all have contributed. Then we will try to guess who.

The class is busy rehearsing and making scenery for a play called Mr. Small and the Giants.

There will be a test on Spelling Word List 19 next Friday, March 23.

**Grade 3 – Mrs. Rector****[kim.rector@mystmarys.com](mailto:kim.rector@mystmarys.com)**

We are finally finished testing (at least until April 16)! The third graders handled taking the IREAD test very well. I think they were relieved that it was multiple choice and not an essay test like the first ISTEP. In April, the second round of ISTEP will also be multiple choice.

We will try to have a normal week. A spelling list will come home on Monday. We haven't had one in a while because of testing. We will also learn about inventions that have changed America in Social Studies and about plant and animal adaptations in Science. We will have a few tests next week, so have your student show you their assignment book so you know what's going on. The quarter will end on Friday, March 23, so all work needs to be complete by then, including AR points. Let me know if you have any questions. Have a great week!

**Grade 4 – Mrs. Meyer****[amanda.meyer@mystmarys.com](mailto:amanda.meyer@mystmarys.com)**

As we wrap up our lessons and discussions about the moon this week, students will get to participate in an activity using Oreos to show the phases of the moon! We will review Tuesday, and students will have their Chapter 1, Lesson 5 and 6 test on Wednesday. Be sure to use the "Important Dates" on my newsletter this week to be reminded of other tests and quizzes. We will have a busy week before our long break! I hope everyone has a wonderful Spring Break and comes back to school ready for the last quarter of fourth grade!

**Grade 5 – Mrs. Baker****[leslie.baker@mystmarys.com](mailto:leslie.baker@mystmarys.com)**

Fifth graders will have a fraction quiz this week over what we have learned so far. The quiz is planned for Thursday. Each fifth grader has a notebook full of examples to help them study/practice for this quiz. We will also have a normal week of spelling and vocabulary. Vocabulary and spelling tests are on Friday. These tests will be the last grades of the quarter.

The last day to take an AR test is Friday, March 23rd. Reading 20 minutes each night will help your child reach their goal. AR books should go home each night and come back to school everyday. Thank you to those students who ordered from Scholastic this month. They found some great new books to read for AR. A great way to get a head start on AR for the 4th quarter is to read over Spring Break. A little reading each day goes a long way. Have a great week!

**Grade 6 – Mrs. Rice****[suzy.rice@mystmarys.com](mailto:suzy.rice@mystmarys.com)**

Happy belated Pi Day! The 6th, 7th, and 8th graders celebrated Pi day on Wednesday. Students could create a Pi-ku, an original Pi day creation, or a treat for their class having to do with pi. They measured the diameter and figured the circumference and area of the treats.

Each student recited as many digits of pi as they could. The results are as follows: 6th grade: Ellie (41 digits), Myla (28 digits), Bernadette (25 digits). 7th grade: Eli (56 digits), Cyndi (40 digits), Ben (21 digits). 8th grade: Lainey (33 digits), Lauren (19 digits), Maria (18 digits). Last year's record of 138 digits (by Ben R.) was not broken.

I hope the 6th -8th graders shared some of the things they learned and enjoyed about robotics with their parents.

**Grade 7 – Mr. Johnson****[brady.johnson@mystmarys.com](mailto:brady.johnson@mystmarys.com)**

6th Grade – Next week we will wrap up the power point students have been creating on Latin America countries. Our class lessons will shift to the western countries of South America and focus on the impact the Andes Mountains on their geography.

7th Grade – Next week we will wrap up our unit over South Asia. The next nation that we will focus on will be China.

8th Grade – We are starting to discuss several new ideas in U.S. History. Westward expansion and the Lewis Clark Expedition and the impact that those events triggered a series of events that ultimately lead to the Civil War.

**Grade 8 – Ms. Stemler**

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6th grade: Sixth grade finished up *Hidden Figures*. Next week they will watch the movie and work on their STEM project.

7th grade: The seventh grade will keep reading *Hidden Figures* and working on their informative essays.

8th grade: The eighth graders are starting their argumentative writing unit. We will be working on that for the next few weeks.

**Jim Waldon**

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GOOD FRIDAY: School choir members are invited to sing with the parish choir at our Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 P.M. on March 30th. Students who wish to participate may join us at 2:30 p.m., so that they are able to warm up with the parish choir. Contact Jim Waldon if you have any questions.

**7th & 8th Grade Science – Mr. Brookbank**

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In both classes we have completed the Cardiovascular lesson concerning flow of blood and basic structures of the human heart. I am in the process of attempting to contact a local slaughterhouse to obtain pig & cow hearts for lab work. We will begin on Thursday, (3/15) a section on Earth Space. We will concentrate on natural events such as floods, forest fires, earthquakes, & other events that are in our daily news. The causes of these events will be studied and the human influence upon these events.

**Connie Powers, CRE**

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Confirmation preparation makeup date will be Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. Confirmation Mass will be Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 11 am at St. Louis in Batesville.

**Cafeteria and Playground hours:**

**Cafe:** First lunch is served at 11 a.m., so arrive 10 – 15 minutes early. Serve three lunch periods and help clean up kitchen, wash dishes, etc. You should be finished around 12:45 p.m.

**Playground:** Arrive around 11:15 a.m. and help the teacher supervise students on playground, Activity Center or at the park (depending on weather). You should be finished around 12:30 p.m.

**Cafeteria Volunteers:**

03/19 – Pat Scharf, 03/20 – Marge Beinkemper, 03/21 – Marge Waldon, 03/22 – Barb Maness, **03/23 – Help Needed**

**Playground Volunteers:**

03/19 – Bernadine/Carolyn, 03/20 – Meghan Oatman, 03/21 – Monica Ramsey, 03/22 - Chris Strzok, **03/23 – Help Needed**

**Please contact the school office at 812-926-1558, if you are available to work one of the OPEN positions.**

**Lunch Menu: \$14.50 per ticket**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
19	20	21	22	23
Rotini & Meat Sauce Tossed Salad Green Beans Bread Stick Fruit Milk	Chicken Patty with Bun Buttered Noodles Corn Green Beans Fruit Milk	Hamburger or Pizza Burger French Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	Salisbury Steak Bread Mashed Potatoes Carrots Fruit Milk	Cheese Pizza Veggie Sticks with Dip Tossed Salad Fruit Milk

## **“Soles for Souls”**

On the weekend of the 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> of March the St. Vincent De Paul truck will be in the parking lot for any donations collected. There will also be a shoe donation box located in the cafeteria of St. Mary’s School until March 16<sup>th</sup>.

When preparing for your contribution I would ask that you set aside any gently worn, used or new shoes. Trey Gronotte, grandson of parishioners Paul and Mary Lynn Minning is working with the Aubrey Rose Foundation to collect these shoes.

The donated shoes are shipped to developing nations across the globe where they are cleaned, made like new, and distributed so that the systemic poverty in these developing countries can be stopped in its track.

The funds received by the Aubrey Rose Foundation for the shoes go directly to benefit families of children suffering from critical, life-threatening illness who are struggling financially and those living in poverty.

So while collecting your donations, please separate all your old shoes, tie the shoe strings together or rubber band each pair and drop them in the separate boxes by the truck. You will be helping others to “put their best foot forward.”

Thank you

# Calendar of Events:

03/16	Fish Fry (4 of 5)
03/19	School will be in session to make up the snow day from 01/12
03/20	School will be in session to make up the snow day from 01/16
03/21	School will be in session to make up the snow day from 01/24
03/22	School will be in session to make up the snow day from 02/07
03/23	School will be in session to make up the snow day from 02/26 & 02//27
03/23	End of 3Q
03/23	Aurora Fire Department Fish Fry
03/26 – 03/30	Spring Break
03/30	Fish Fry (5 of 5)
04/02	School Resumes
04/10	3Q Report Cards will be sent home
04/14	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Spaghetti Dinner in Activity Center from 5 – 7:30 p.m.
04/28	Celebrate St. Mary’s at Dearborn County Club
05/14 – 05/15	CYO Camp (6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade)
05/14 – 05/18	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip
05/23	Kindergarten End of Year Celebration – 1 p.m.
05/24	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation – 6 p.m.
05/25	School will be in session to make up the snow day from 02/28 Last Student Day

## Safe and Sacred

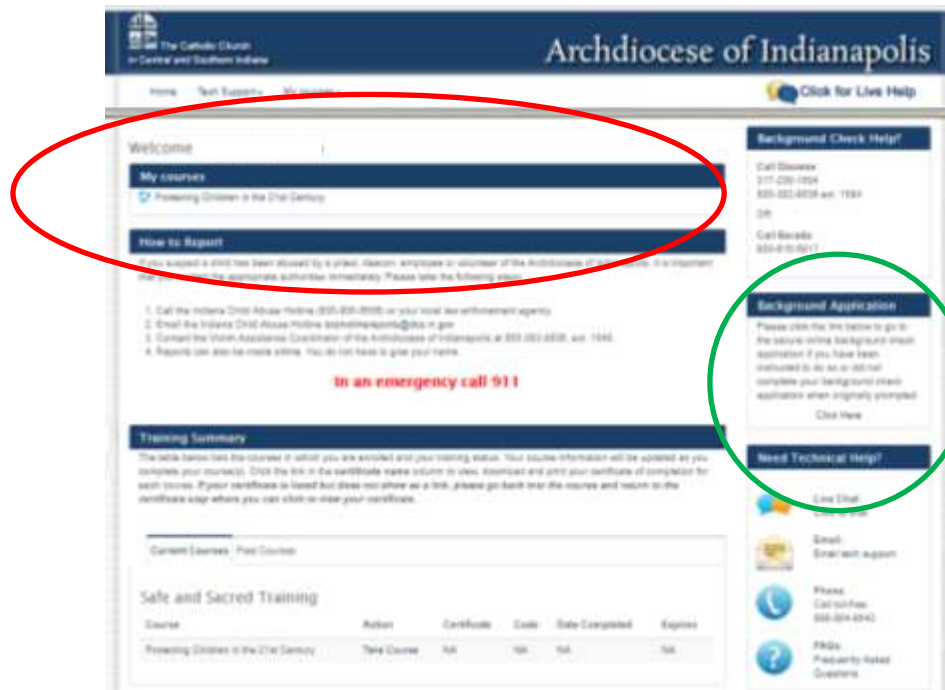
The Archdiocese of Indianapolis is sending out reminders to people that need to take or update training and/or their background check. Your certification will expire every three (3) years. You can either click on the link in the email you receive or you can go to [www.safeandsacred-archindy.org](http://www.safeandsacred-archindy.org). Please see below for a screen shot of what your screen will look like.

### Steps:

Log into your Safe and Sacred account. If you need any assistance with logging in, please contact tech support as directed on the site. You may be asked to update your profile.

1. You will need to take the course (or courses) that are listed under the “My Courses” on the left side of the screen.
2. You will also need to request a background check. You can do this by selecting the “Click Here” under “Background Application”

1. Take the class or classes that are at the top of the page.
2. Go to the right side of the screen and click on the “Click Here” under the Background Application



St. Mary’s will receive notification that you have completed the training and in about 1 week, we will receive your background check.